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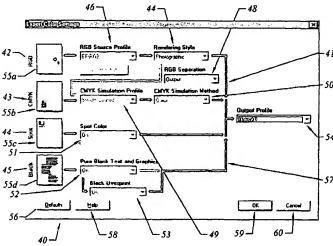
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(57) Abstract: A method and interface for displaying and configuring color management settings for printing devices is provided. The user interface provides a graphical representation of the color workflow as it takes place on the printing device. From the user interface, the user configures various page elements and color models; such as RGB, CMYK, Spot Color and Black using pull down menus of options and other interface elements. Available options include color space transformations, color corrections and printing methods. Interface mapping changes in real time to reflect the user's modifications to the color management settings at the various points of th workflow. In a network environement providing bi-directional communication between workstations and network peripherals, the color management tool queries the printing device and dynamically builds the user interface according to the unique characteristics and capabilities of the printing device; if bi-directional communication is not available, the interface is built from generic options. Thumbnail images, also updated in real time, provide previews of the output. The invention may also take the form of a computer program product on a computer-usable storage medium having computer-usable program code means embodied in the medium.

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